



# Knowledge Graph Self-Supervised Rationalization for Recommendation

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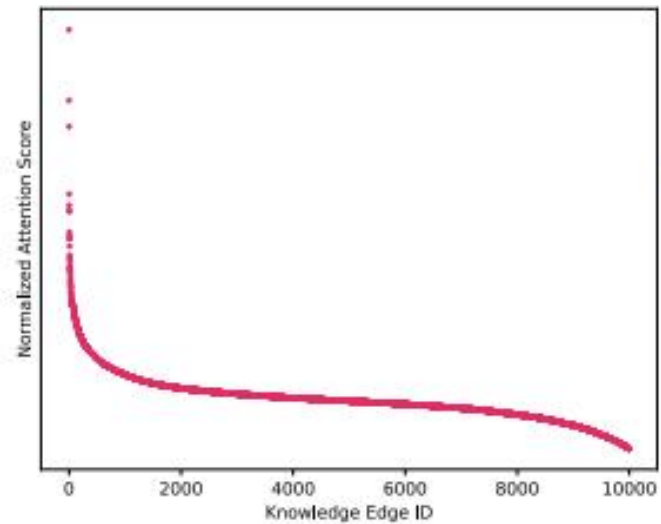




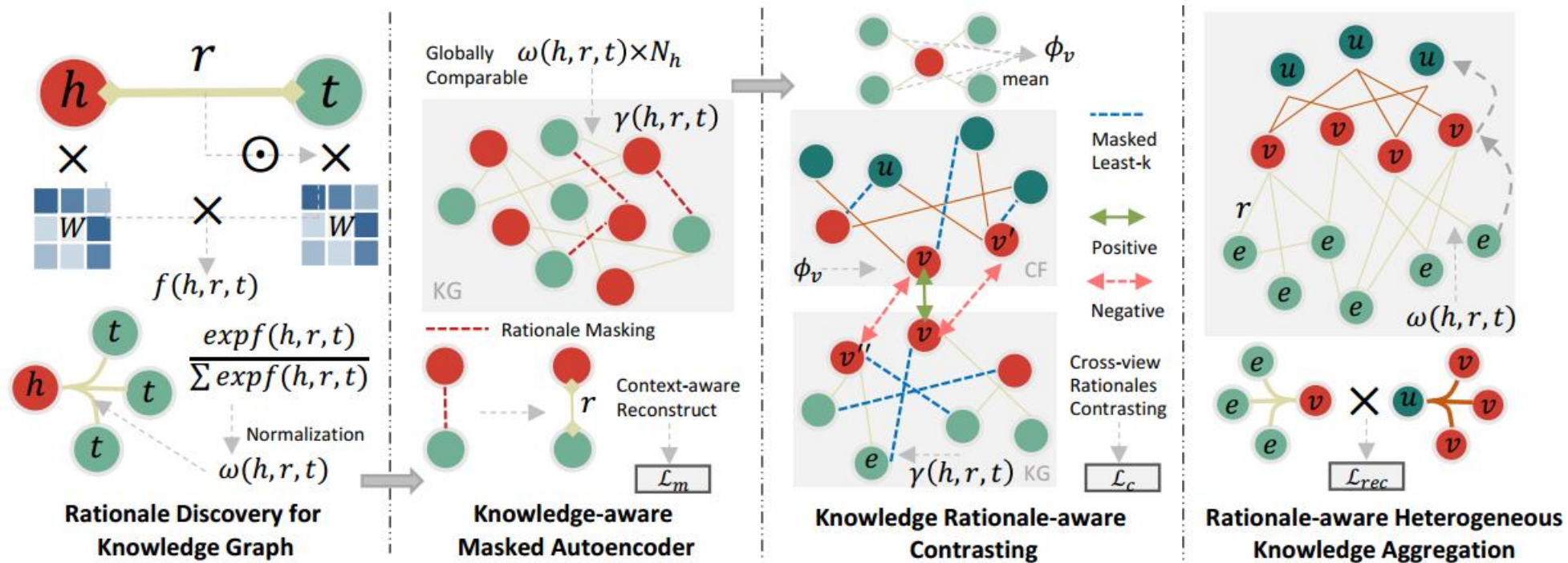
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# Introduction



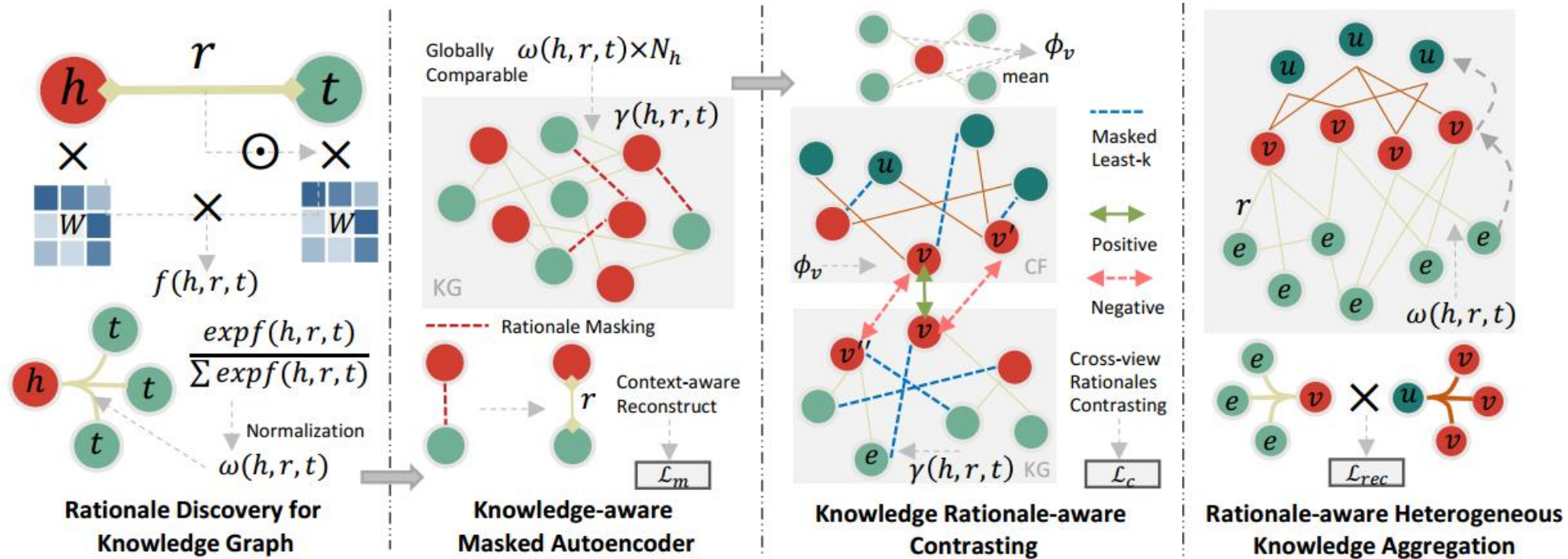
adopt either simple random augmentation or intuitive cross-view information, failing to consider the important latent rationales between the KG and recommendation task



a binary graph  $\mathcal{G}_u = (u, y_{uv}, v)$

$\mathcal{G}_k = (h, r, t). h, t \in \mathcal{E}$

# Approach



## Rational Discovery for KG

$$f(h, r, t) = \frac{\mathbf{e}_h \mathbf{W}^Q \cdot (\mathbf{e}_t \mathbf{W}^K \odot \mathbf{e}_r)^T}{\sqrt{d}}, \quad (1)$$

$$\omega(h, r, t) = \frac{\exp(f(h, r, t))}{\sum_{(h, r', t') \in \mathcal{N}_h} \exp(f(h, r', t'))}. \quad (2)$$

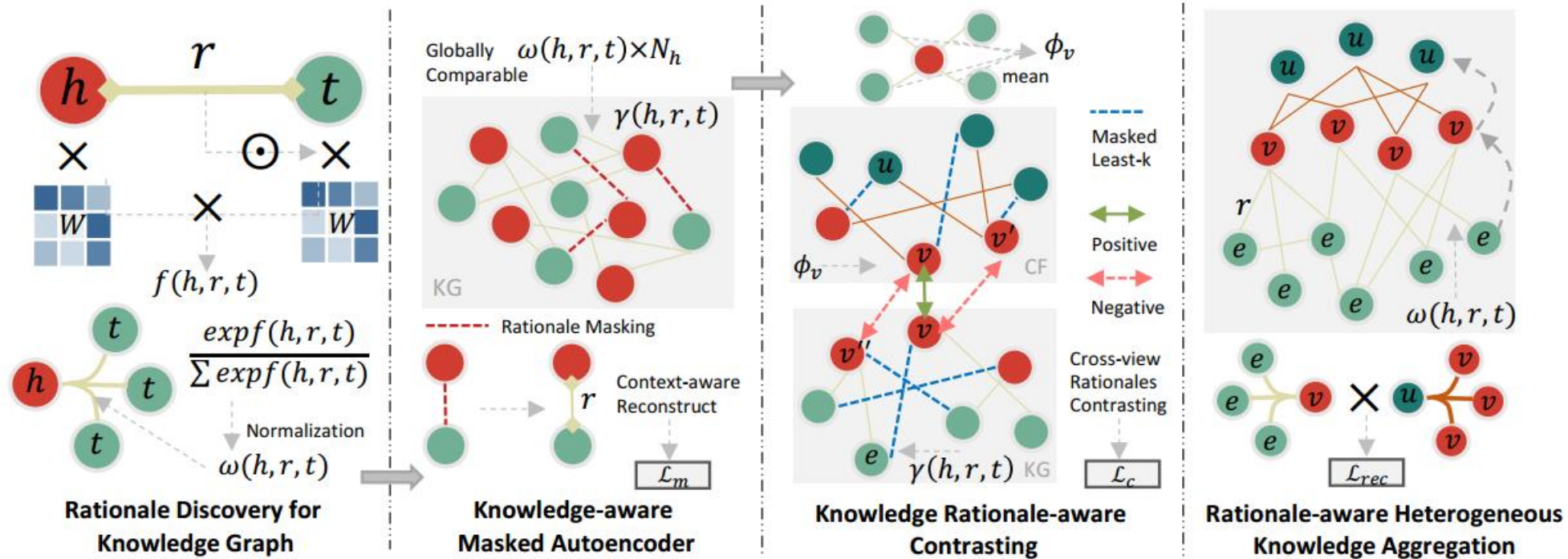
## Knowledge Aggregation

$$\mathbf{e}_h^{(l)} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}_h|} \sum_{(h, r, t) \in \mathcal{N}_h} \omega(h, r, t) \mathbf{e}_r \odot \mathbf{e}_t^{(l-1)}, \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_u^{(l)} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}_u|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_u} \mathbf{e}_v^{(l-1)}, \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_h = f_k(\mathcal{G}_k; h) = \sum_l^L \mathbf{e}_h^{(l)}; \quad \mathbf{e}_u = f_u(\mathcal{G}_u; u) = \sum_l^L \mathbf{e}_u^{(l)}, \quad (5)$$

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## Knowledge-aware Masked Autoencoder

$$\gamma(h, r, t) = |\mathcal{N}_h| \cdot \omega(h, r, t) = \frac{|\mathcal{N}_h| \cdot \exp(f(h, r, t))}{\sum_{(h, r', t') \in \mathcal{N}_h} \exp(f(h, r', t'))}. \quad (6)$$

$$\gamma(h, r, t) = \gamma(h, r, t) - \log(-\log(\epsilon)); \quad \epsilon \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1), \quad (7)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_k = \{(h, r, t) | \gamma(h, r, t) \in \text{topk}(\Gamma; k_m)\}, \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_h = f_k(\mathcal{G}_k^m; h); \quad \mathbf{e}_t = f_k(\mathcal{G}_k^m; t), \quad (9)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_m = \sum_{(h, r, t) \in \mathcal{M}_k} -\log\left(\sigma\left(\mathbf{e}_h^\top \cdot (\mathbf{e}_t \odot \mathbf{e}_r)\right)\right). \quad (10)$$

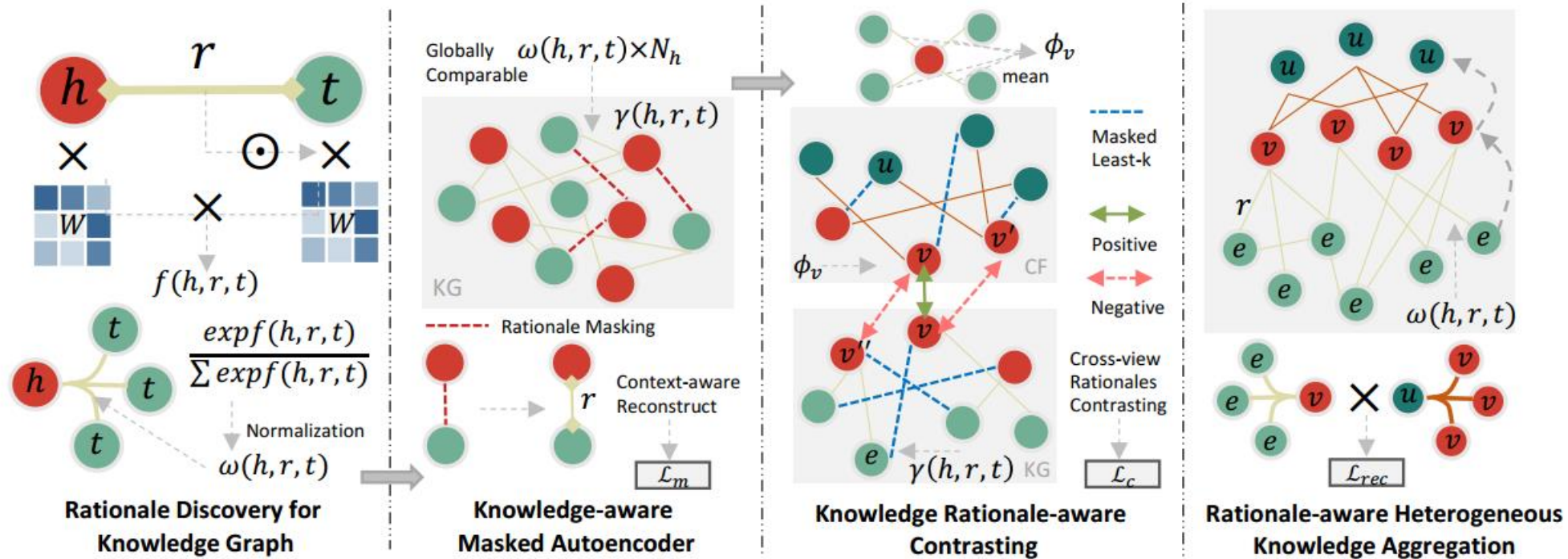
## Knowledge Rationale-aware Contrasting

$$\mathcal{S}_k = \{(h, r, t) | \gamma(h, r, t) \in \text{topk}(-\Gamma; \rho_k)\}; \quad \mathcal{G}_k^c = \mathcal{G}_k \setminus \mathcal{S}_k, \quad (11)$$

$$\phi_v = \text{mean}(\{\gamma(h, r, t) | h = v \vee t = v\}). \quad (12)$$

$$\phi'_v = \frac{\exp \phi_v}{\sum_v \exp \phi_v}; \quad \mathcal{S}_u \sim \text{multinomialNR}(\Phi'; \rho_u), \quad (13)$$

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$$\mathbf{x}_u^{(l)} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{N}_u} \frac{\mathbf{x}_v^{(l-1)}}{\sqrt{|\mathcal{N}_u| |\mathcal{N}_v|}}; \mathbf{x}_v^{(l)} = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}_v} \frac{\mathbf{x}_u^{(l-1)}}{\sqrt{|\mathcal{N}_u| |\mathcal{N}_v|}}. \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_v^k = f_k(\mathcal{G}_k^c; v). \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_v^* = \sigma \left( \mathbf{x}_v^{*T} \mathbf{W}_1^* + \mathbf{b}_1^* \right)^T \mathbf{W}_2^* + \mathbf{b}_2^*, \quad (16)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_c = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} -\log \frac{\exp(s(\mathbf{z}_v^u, \mathbf{z}_v^k)/\tau)}{\sum_{j \in \{v, v', v''\}} (\exp(s(\mathbf{z}_v^u, \mathbf{z}_v^k)/\tau) + \exp(s(\mathbf{z}_j^u, \mathbf{z}_v^k)/\tau))}, \quad (17)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{rec} = \sum_{(u, v, j) \in \mathcal{D}} -\log \sigma(\hat{y}_{uv} - \hat{y}_{uj}), \quad (18)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{rec} + \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_m + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_c, \quad (19)$$



# Experiment

**Table 1: Statistics of Three Evaluation Datasets.**

Statistics	Last-FM	MIND	Alibaba-iFashion
# Users	23,566	100,000	114,737
# Items	48,123	30,577	30,040
# Interactions	3,034,796	2,975,319	1,781,093
# Density	2.7e-3	9.7e-4	5.2e-4
Knowledge Graph			
# Entities	58,266	24,733	59,156
# Relations	9	512	51
# Triplets	464,567	148,568	279,155

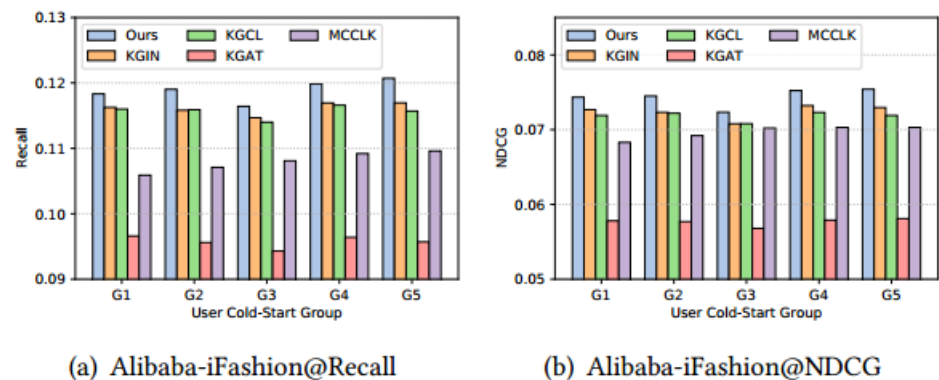
Model	Last-FM		MIND		Alibaba-iFashion	
	Recall	NDCG	Recall	NDCG	Recall	NDCG
BPR	0.0690	0.0585	0.0384	0.0253	0.0822	0.0501
NeuMF	0.0699	0.0615	0.0308	0.0237	0.0506	0.0276
GC-MC	0.0709	0.0631	0.0386	0.0261	0.0845	0.0502
LightGCN	0.0738	0.0647	0.0419	0.0253	0.1058	0.0652
SGL	0.0879	0.0775	<u>0.0429</u>	0.0275	0.1141	0.0713
CKE	0.0845	0.0718	0.0387	0.0247	0.0835	0.0512
KTUP	0.0865	0.0671	0.0362	0.0302	0.0976	0.0634
KGNN-LS	0.0881	0.0690	0.0395	<u>0.0302</u>	0.0983	0.0633
KGCN	0.0879	0.0694	0.0396	0.0302	0.0983	0.0633
KGAT	0.0870	0.0743	0.0340	0.0287	0.0957	0.0577
KGIN	0.0900	<u>0.0779</u>	0.0357	0.0225	0.1144	<u>0.0723</u>
MCCLK	0.0671	0.0603	0.0327	0.0194	0.1089	0.0707
KGCL	<u>0.0905</u>	0.0769	0.0399	0.0247	<u>0.1146</u>	0.0719
KGRec	<b>0.0943</b>	<b>0.0810</b>	<b>0.0439</b>	<b>0.0319</b>	<b>0.1188</b>	<b>0.0743</b>



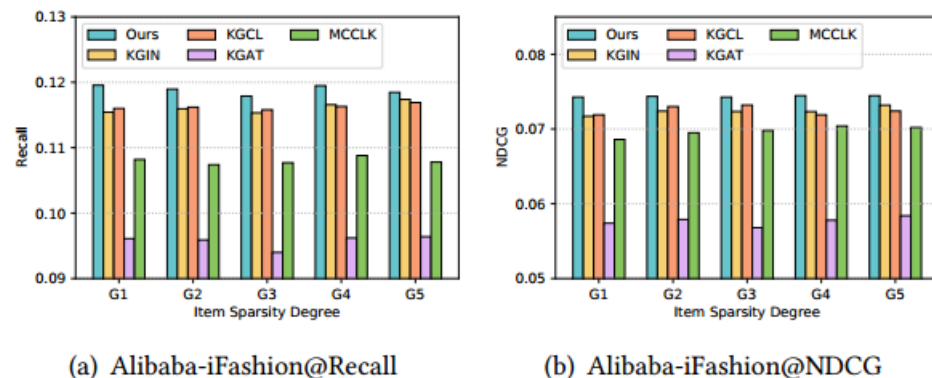
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**Table 3: Ablation results of KGRec with different variants. The superscript \* denotes the largest change in performance.**

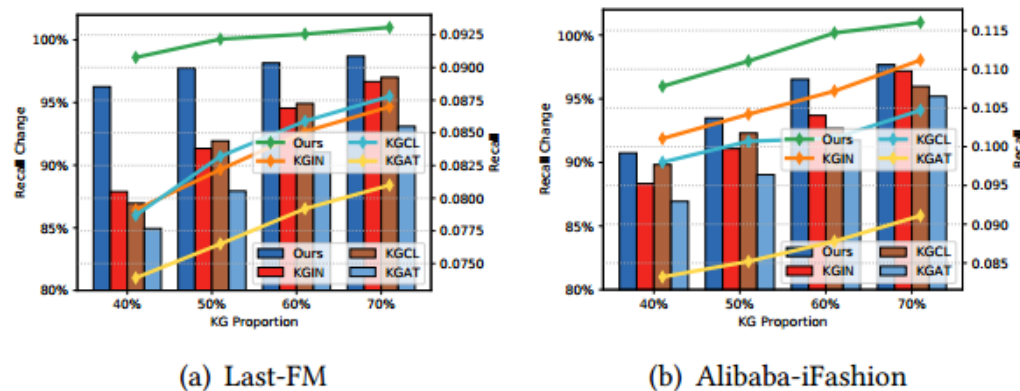
Ablation Settings	Last-FM		MIND		Alibaba-iFashion	
	Recall	NDCG	Recall	NDCG	Recall	NDCG
KGRec	<b>0.0943</b>	<b>0.0810</b>	<b>0.0439</b>	<b>0.0319</b>	<b>0.1188</b>	<b>0.0743</b>
w/o MAE	0.0918*	0.0792*	0.0374*	0.0238*	0.1178*	0.0737*
w/o Rationale-M	0.0929	0.0805	0.0423	0.0311	0.1183	0.0739
w/o CL	0.0926	0.0796	0.0425	0.0313	0.1180	0.0734
w/o Rationale-Aug	0.0931	0.0801	0.0405	0.0278	0.1185	0.0741



**Figure 3: Evaluation results on different user groups. Lower group number implies stronger cold-start effect.**



**Figure 4: Evaluation results on different item sparsity levels.**

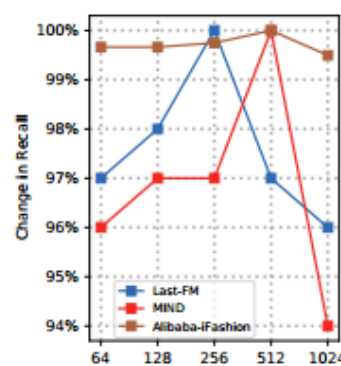


**Figure 5: Evaluation results on different KG proportions.**

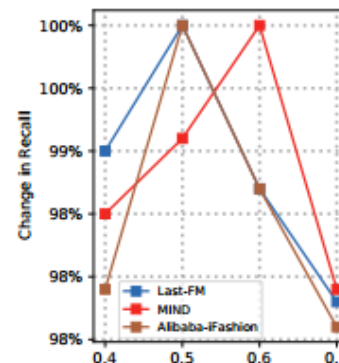
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**Table 4: KG Relations with highest average global rationale scores for news categories learned on MIND dataset.**

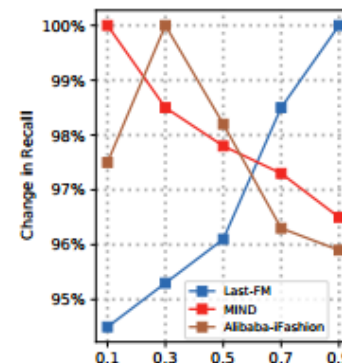
Category	Relation (Wiki ID)	Avg. Score
<i>sports</i>	member of sports team (P54)	1.235
	league of (P118)	1.117
<i>newspolitics</i>	member of political party (P102)	1.341
	position held (P39)	1.097
<i>travel</i>	part of (P361)	1.105
	located in (P131)	1.190
<i>finance</i>	owned of (P1830)	1.203
	stock exchange (P414)	1.157
<i>tv-celebrity</i>	award received (P166)	1.084
	cast member (P161)	1.139



(a) Masking size  $k_m$



(b) CL keep ratio  $\rho$



(c) CL temperature  $\tau$

**Figure 6: Hyperparameter Study of KGRec.**



**Thank you!**